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May 27, 1994

TO:

D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Specialist 4

RE:

Phone Conversation w/Robert Ivie, DOE Leases in Utah

I talked with Mr. Ivie on May 5, 1994 with regards to letters that were sent to DOE lease holders regarding reclamation activities conducted without properly notifying the DOE. He indicated to me that none of the Utah leases were in violation. Currently, there are three DOE leases in Utah, all are due to expire in July or September, 1994. On May 11th, I was able to contact Mr. Ed Cotter of the DOE ((303)248-6056). He indicated that the leases will not be renewed until an EIS is completed (within the next year). The status of the leases (as per DOE records) is as follows:

#### DOE Lease # AT(05-1)-ML-60.8-U-CW-2A

This lease is owned by Total Minerals Corp who was recently acquired by Cogema Mining Inc. The lease is located in Cottonwood wash in San Juan County (Township 37 South, Range 21 East, Section 3). DOE inspected the site last year and found no evidence of a portal or mine. DOGM has two projects located in the referenced section (E/037/075 and S/037/078), neither of which identifies the DOE Lease.

#### DOE Lease # AT(05-1)-ML-60.8-U-H-3

This lease is owned by the Lady Ann Company. The Blue Cap Mine (S/037/066) in T26E, R28S, Sec 28,29; identifies the DOE Lease. Mr. Cotter indicated that exploration work had disturbed the surface area of the lease (subsequently reclaimed) and that mining access to the lease was from outside the lease boundary. Since this mine is the access to the DOE lease, they would like to be notified of any permanent mine closure.

#### DOE Lease # AT(05-1)-ML-60.8-U-E-4

This lease is owned by Energy Fuels Nuclear. This lease is located near Elk Ridge in San Juan County (T36S R18E Sections 13, 23, 24 & 25 and T36S R19E Sections 18 & 19). There is currently no mine on the lease area (as per DOE records) and DOGM records do not indicate any exploration or mine permits in the area.

The DOE contact for these leases is Mr. Ed Cotter at (303) 248-6056. If we get reclamation notices or operation plans involving these lease we are to notify the DOE (Mr. Cotter). In turn, the DOE will keep us appraised of any changes and coordinate any plans that they receive with us. I have placed the attached notice in each of the referenced files.

Attachment

cc: Lowell Braxton

doelease.mem



#### **NOTICE**

This operation may contain the Dept. of Energy's lease # AT (05-1)-ML-60.8-U-CW-2A. Any change in activity or notice of reclamation that involves this lease needs to be forwarded to the Dept. of Energy in Grand Junction, Colorado (ph. # (303) 248-6056).

(this notice placed in E/037/075 and S/037/078 files)

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(this notice placed in S/037/066 file)



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Blake Mining Company Mr. David E. Blake, Owner P.O. Box 431 Nucla, CO 81424

SUBJECT: Prior Notification Required by DOE for All Lease Activities

Dear Mr. Blake:

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)248-6014.

Robert E. Ivey Contracting Officer

cc:

E. Bray, DOE-GJPO

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Cogema, Inc. Mr. Robert Poyser 7401 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda, MD 20814 ing 2 5 199

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Energy Fuels Nuclear, Inc. Ms. Vicki L. Hoffsetz Land Records Administrator One Tabor Center, Suite 2500 1200 17th Street Denver, CO 80202

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and in Article XXVI (Delivery of Premises):

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Energy Fuels Nuclear, Inc. Mr. Roger B. Smith Manager of Mining Operations 2555 N. Hwy 89A HC 64, Box 152 Fredonia, AZ 80622

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Dear Mr. Smith:

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George S. Fender 1190 Niagra Drive #15 Fort Collins, CO 80525

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Lois B. Foster 7991 Snow View Drive Anchorage, AK 99507

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Lady Ann Company Mr. Keith A. Cannon, President 832 Northcliffe Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84103

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Pioneer Uravan, Inc. P.O. Box 2065 Grand Junction, CO 81502

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Mesa Operating Limited Partnership Mr. Dorsey T. Roach Surveying Landman, Land Administration 5205 North O'Connor Boulevard, Suite 1400 Irving, TX 75039-3946

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Dear Mr. Roach:

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Rajah Ventures, Ltd. Mr. R. M. Swerdfeger General Partner P.O. Box 2360

Grand Junction, CO 81502

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Taminco, Inc. Mr. Robert Taylor, President 321 Kilbornė Avenue Reno, NV 89509

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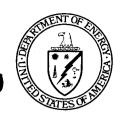
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Umetco Minerals Corporation Mr. R. A. Van Horn Director of Operations P.O. Box 1029 Grand Junction, CO 81502

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Cotter Corporation Mr. Rich D. Ziegler Executive Vice President and General Manager 12596 West Bayaud Avenue, Suite 350 Lakewood, CO 80228

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The Contracting Officer must be kept aware of any proposed reclamation activities in order for the lessee to comply with the aforementioned lease requirements without undue delays and costs being incurred by the lessee.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)248-6014.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Ivey Contracting Officer

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